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PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED
UNDER 37 CF 1.137(b)

First named inventor: James W. Nichol

Art Unit: 3634

Application no. 09,106,841

Examiner: Cohen, C.

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For: ANGLED GRIPPING JOINT COMBINATION FOR SUPPORT STRUCTURES

Attention: Office of Petitions, Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Box DAC, Washington, D.C. 20231

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper reply to a notice or action by the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated January 3, 2001.

APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

✓ 1. Petition fee – Small entity fee \$640 (37 CFR 1.17 (m)). Applicant claims small entity status.

2. Reply – The reply to the above-noted Office Action in the form of an Amendment complying with the Patent Examiner's requirements in the action dated January 3, 2001:

a) was FAXed to 703 305-7687 and to 703 305-9216 in the Patent Office on April 3, 2001;

b) was enclosed with the Petition - Request under SS 7 11 03 c) i) filed September 26, 2001 in this application;

c) was enclosed with the follow-up letter of inquiry from my patent lawyer, Paul D. Gornall, dated December 28, 2001 to the Patent Examiner in this application; and

d) is enclosed herewith.

3. Since this utility application was filed after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

4. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.

5. Until September, 2001 I was not aware of the holding of abandonment nor was I aware that the April 3, 2001 faxed Amendment had not been duly received or processed by the Patent Office.

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